

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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## ABSTRACT

A retractable barrier system includes a support member, for example in the form of a housing, a spool supported for rotation by the support member, a spring adapted to apply a biasing load to the spool, and a skirt. The skirt is arranged to deflect water away from or around the spring thereby reducing the quantity of water impinging, in use, on the spring and reducing corrosion thereof.